



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

HOUSING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 17 October 2022	Time: 2 – 3:30 PM	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes

I. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

Co-chairs, Shellon Fraser (National Housing Trust) and Drew Hubbard, Interim Director of DHCD, welcomed the group. ICH Director Theresa Silla invited meeting attendees to share their names, pronouns, organization, and titles/roles.

Director Silla reminded the group that the meeting would be recorded and provided an overview of the agenda. Director Silla also noted that barring any objections, the notes from the last Housing Solutions Committee meeting are approved.

II. AGENCY/PROJECT UPDATES

A. DCHA

Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) covered updates from DCHA. Detailed notes were recorded directly in the PPT on slide 7.

Questions/Comments/Feedback

- **Self-certification:**
 - DCHA is working to update guidance and regulations on the latest clarification that IDs can be self-certified for tenant-based resources. More details on Slide 7.
 - Question to specify which legislation aligns the LRSP updates.
 - DCHA confirmed the following references:
 - B24-0906 - Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Emergency Amendment Act of 2022
 - Status: Passed, Resolution Number: R24-0585
 - July 11, 2022: Introduced by Chairman Mendelson, Councilmembers Pinto, and Nadeau
 - B24-0945 Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Amendment Act of 2022
 - Status: Under Council Review
 - July 14, 2022: Introduced by Chairman Mendelson, Councilmembers Pinto, and Nadeau
- **Landlord Communication:** Question on what DCHA is hearing from landlords on payment standard updates. Per DCHA, landlords are anxious to hear when increases will be applied and the status of the market surveying, but that interactions have been positive overall.

B. DHCD

Interim Director of DHCD, Drew Hubbard covered the high-level recommendations of the Black Homeownership Strike Force (BHSF) under the broader lens of the Upward Mobility Plan. Detailed notes were recorded directly in the PPT on

slide 9. The full report from the BHSF is available on Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's (DMPED) website here: [DMPED Black Homeownership Strike Force - Final Report October 2022](#)

Questions/Comments/Feedback

- **Redevelopment:** Question on the BHSF recommendation for redevelopment and how redevelopment may affect the public housing redevelopment plans and impact long-time District residents. Director Hubbard noted that the recommendations are broad at this time, so there will be additional opportunities for operationalizing and implementation work.
- **Vacant properties:**
 - Question on the number of vacant homes in the District. DHCD regularly reviews single-family homes up for tax sale but does not yet have a full accounting of the total number of vacant homes in the District.
 - Question on how DHCD is working to assess unused land and small parcels of land. Director Hubbard noted that DHCD has a program that works to review and acquire the smaller parcels to put them into the development process for affordable housing or partner with conservation for green space if not appropriate for redevelopment. DHCD is working to prioritize BIPOC homeowners for the available development opportunities.
- **Task Force Representation:**
 - Question on coordination with Council's Office of Racial Equity. The task force will be reviewed by the Council Office of Racial Equity if legislation is developed to advance the findings and recommendations.
 - Recommendation for consumer representation on the task force.

C. DHS UPDATES

1. CAREER MAP & DC FLEX

Geoff King (DHS) covered the Career MAP program and updates. Please see slides 11-24.

Questions/Comments/Feedback

- **Connection to business ownership:** Question on if Career MAP will support connection to business ownership for clients. DHS confirmed, yes. Business ownership and administration were a large response from the survey completed with families interested in Career MAP. Although grantees are not yet public, DHS noted that one of the selected grantees has extensive experience in business development to support families with that goal.
- **Impact on Benefit Eligibility:** Concern flagged for impact on eligibility for benefits. DHS noted that structured to start with rent discounts and if someone is receiving SNAP benefits and eligible for any amount of the cash subsidy that it would be issued in non-recurring lump sum payment.

2. PROJECT-BASED PSH: ETHEL

Anna Fogel (DHS) announced a new project-based PSH program, the Ethel (also known as Hill East) of 100 units for new PSH including 50 UFAS units. The site will be ready for move-in ahead of schedule in February and matching through the I-CAHP process is already underway.

Questions/Comments/Feedback

- Question on who is providing property management for this site. DHS will follow up to confirm.

D. ICH UPDATES

The Housing Solutions Committee did not have enough time to discuss the new Capacity Building Initiative. However, updates are included in the PPT on slides 44 through 49 and will be the main agenda topic in November.

III. ICH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Housing Solutions Committee did not have enough time to review ICH Board and Team announcements. Please see slides 51 and 52 in the PPT for information.

IV. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Silla adjourned the meeting with a reminder that the Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21st from 2 - 3:30 pm.

Next Meeting	Date: 21 November 2022	Time: 2:00 - 3:30 PM	Location: WebEx
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Participant List (56 attendees)

Theresa Silla (ICH)	Dallas Williams (DHS)	Leila Finucane (Victory Housing)
Eileen Rosa (ICH)	Danilo Pelletiere (DHCD)	Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)
Shellon Fraser (NHT, Inc.)	Dr Mayaalla MuQaddim Abdullah Al Saud (PFFC)	Mary Ann Floto (UWNCA)
Drew Hubbard (DHCD)	Ed Villard (Community Landlord)	Rachel Pierre (DHS)
Aaron White (DBH, YAB)	Erin Byrne (DCCADV)	Reginald Black (PFFC, CEWG)
Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)	Erin Wilson (DHCD)	Robert Warren (PFFC, CEWG)
Adam Maier (PTHDC)	Fallon Williams (MOVA)	Sharlene Castle (Jaydot)
Alex Cross (DHCD)	Geoff King (DHS)	Sheryl Kennerly (Woodley House)
Ann Chauvin (Woodley House)	Gianna Nilio (Community Connections)	Shiri Yadlin (CSH)
Anna Fogel (DHS)	Gregory Crawford (Access Housing)	Shirley Johnson (Central Union Mission)
Anna Gray (DHS)	Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA)	Stacey Hunter (Gilbane Co)
Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense)	Iris Osuji (CNHED)	Sue Breitkopf (Woodley House)
Blaise Rastello (Gilbane Co)	Ishan Heru (Community Connections)	Terence O'Shea (Community Solutions)
Brendan Haley (Everyone Home DC)	Jorge Membreno (ICH)	Tjuan Woods (Housing Up)
Brit Ruffin (Legal Clinic)	Kally Canfield (Community Solutions)	Tracy Cecil (Cecil Consult)
Bruce Finland (MED Developers)	Kate Coventry (DCFPI)	Tsega Begele (DHCD)
Catherine Crosland (Unity Health Care)	Katie Whitehouse (DC Council)	Valerie Piper (DHCD, OP)
Chloe Cohen (OCA)	Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House)	Victoria Melendez (LISC)
Daisean Foster (ICH)	Lara Pukatch (Miriam's Kitchen)	